IN THE CLAIMS

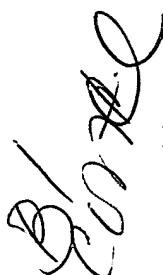Please amend the claims as follows.

For the Examiner's convenience, a list of all claims is included below.

1.   (Currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a serial port configured to interface with a separate host;

one serial interface engine (SIE) connected to the serial port; and

at least a first interface unit and a second interface unit connected to the serial interface

engine.

2.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first interface unit is a keyboard

interface.

3.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the second interface unit is a flash media

drive interface.

4.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, further includes a virtual hub comprising a firmware

unit configured to emulate a hub having multiple ports.

5.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the apparatus is housed within a keyboard.

6.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the apparatus is a Universal Serial Bus

(USB) peripheral and the serial port is a Universal Serial Bus port.

7.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the serial interface engine is connected to a controller, and the first interface unit and the second interface unit are connected to the controller.

8.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a third interface unit is connected to the serial interface unit.

9.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the serial port, the serial interface engine (SIE), and the first interface unit and a second interface unit are integrated on a single device.

10.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a third interface is connected to the serial port, the third interface having a second serial interface engine.

11-25 (Cancelled)

26.   (New) An apparatus comprising:

a serial port configured to interface with a separate host;

one serial interface engine (SIE) connected to the serial port;

a keyboard interface and a flash media drive interface unit connected to the serial interface engine; and

a virtual hub comprising a firmware unit configured to emulate a hub having multiple ports.